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GEORGE ATTA, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

FROM:

IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR

COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING

RE:

POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT/

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANS AND NEIGHBORHOOD

TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANS

As you are aware, the City Charter requires that the Development/Sustainable Community Plans (DPs/SCPs) set forth the "conceptual schemes for implementing and accomplishing the development objectives and policies of the general plan." The General Plan's population objectives and policies are of particular relevance to the DPs/SCPs because they directly affect land use allocation decisions and the prioritization of major public facilities. Having timely and accurate information is essential for the Council to make informed decisions.

For this reason, I request that all future DPs/SCPs submitted to the Council for review and adoption include population figures from the 2010 census. Furthermore, each plan should describe the consistency of the 2010 population and projected populations with the General Plan population distribution policies. With respect to the Ewa DP, which has already been transmitted to the Council, this information may be provided in the form of a memo for use as a basis to amend relevant portions of the plan.

Finally, because the neighborhood transit-oriented development (TOD) plans to be approved by the Council are essentially special area plans that should be consistent with the DPs/SCPs and the General Plan, I request that each neighborhood TOD plan contain a distinct section discussing its consistency with the DP's/SCP's and the General Plan, particularly with respect to population and land use. For the Waipahu Neighborhood TOD Plan, which has already been transmitted to the Council, this information may be provided in the form of a memo for use as a basis to amend the plan.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Gail Myers, at 768-5015.